

# Superintendent's Report

## October 10, 2011

1. Congratulations to faculty, staff, community and students of the WCSD for making AYP in Reading and Math in 2010-2011. In November the board will get a full report on the PSSA results.
2. Budget Workshop is scheduled for November 1, 2011 @ WCCC. An overview of the 2012-2013 preliminary budget will be presented.
3. I met with Dr. Shirley Curl from PDE last week to talk about gifted education. She explained to me that the LEC is one of a kind and is a model program. The LEC has been asked that the LEC try and present at the state conference this year. Dr. Curl is working to get other school districts to visit the center.
4. Superintendent Entry Plan
  - a. Next two weeks I will be meeting with board members, administrators and community members.
  - b. Meet and Greet the superintendent events in each of the attendance zones. TBD
  - c. Budget Development for 2012-2013

### Highlights from the Schools 2011/2012 School Year October 2011

**Building:** Eisenhower Middle/High School

**Principal:** Gary Weber

Please enter one (1) or two (2) highlights from your building.

1. Eisenhower Middle High School conducted Open House on Friday, September 16 prior to the home football game. Staff and administration were hopeful that this would increase attendance of families at both Open House and the game. While this attempt didn't seem to improve attendance at Open House, everyone who attended seemed to enjoy the evening.

2. Eisenhower Middle Level is recycling newspapers and magazines. This is a program started to teach students to be conscientious of the environment. Teachers are sending out a daily email to parents informing them of homework and highlights of the Middle level. The middle level is participating in the Why My School is Cool contest through the WICU TV news station. Students are making videos to highlight why Eisenhower is a cool school to attend.

---

---

**Building:** Sheffield Area Middle/High School

**Principal:** Amy Beers

1. Students at SAMHS participated in two activities this month that fostered the idea of school spirit and a sense of school community. The first event was a spirit bus to an away football game on September 23rd. This event, sponsored by and partially paid for the Spirit Club, was very well attended. On September 29th, students were able to watch a volleyball game during the day. This second annual event fosters the idea of taking school pride as it relates to athletics and turning that enthusiasm and mutual support into academics. Together as a school, we read the front page article about PSSA scores across the District, made a school goal of raising scores 10% in all areas, participated in the volleyball game and read the follow-up front page article the next morning as a school group. Additionally, students were challenged in English classes to write a PSSA-style, rubric-graded persuasive or informative essay on the event and surrounding activities.
2. On September 9th, students were honored on stage for their PSSA scores. Mrs. Beers dressed as the school mascot all day. Mr. Knapp had his head shaved in front of the school body. The teachers dyed their hair in school colors for the day. We had a picnic lunch in collaboration with Aramark. Teachers created a carnival atmosphere in the afternoon. Students earned tickets for various "Paw Pride" prizes. Each student in grades 6,7,8 and 11 who was proficient and/or advanced in all tested areas received an "AYP Pride" locker sticker to place on the outside of their locker as a reward to them and a motivator to others.

---

---

**Building:** Warren Area High School

**Principal:** Jeff Flickner

1. Open House – Renamed “Meet and Greet”. The format was changed to a more open format. Teachers were housed in their rooms and parents could come and go at their own pace. Unlike in the past when parents followed their child(s) schedule, this format gave parents

more freedom to see the teachers and was especially helpful for parents with more than one child at the school. We received many positive comments from parents and faculty.

2. John Fedak, Science Teacher (Introduction to Environmental Science, Wildlife Ecology, and Ornithology), has been chosen for the Lock Haven University 2011 Alumni Distinguished Educator Award. He will be honored at the Alumni Awards Banquet on November 4. John will be in attendance with his wife and children. Mr. Flickner and his wife will also be in attendance. The representatives of Lock Haven are very excited about having John meet and connect with current education students.

---

---

**Building:** Youngsville High School

**Principal:** Dr. Darrell Jaskolka

1. The YHS Marching Band competed in their first band competition of the season at Steel Valley on Saturday, September 24, 2011. The band placed Best Auxiliary, Best Percussion, and Best Visual.
2. The YHS football broke the 24 game regular season winning streak of Mercyhurst Prep on Friday, September 30 with a 25-13 score. The YHS football team is undefeated with a record of 5-0 and currently ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the state in their division.

---

---

**Building:** Beaty-Warren Middle School

**Principal:** Rhonda Decker

1. On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Beaty-Warren Middle School invited parents to come to the school and participate in a PTO meeting, then stay for our Fall Parent Night. Both events were well attended and we had many parents asking questions, engaged in conversations, and offering to help/volunteer this school year.
2. We have many of our Beaty students involved in fall sports. We have 54 students playing on our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade football teams. (Both squads are undefeated up to this point.) Beaty also has 21 girls participating in Girls Basketball – grades 7 and 8. (The eighth grade team is undefeated and the seventh grade team has won the majority of their games.) We also have 8 students participating in Cross County and 15 students involved in fall Cheerleading.
3. Eleven Beaty teachers are participating in a book study on the book What Great Teachers Do Different – 14 Things That Matter Most. The teachers meet weekly and become highly engaged in conversations about the beliefs, behaviors, attitudes, and interactions that are in our best classrooms and schools.

---

---

**Building:** Warren County Career Center

**Principal:** Delores Berry

1. October 6<sup>th</sup> was our General Advisory Breakfast with approximately 30 guests from business, industry and agencies. October 20<sup>th</sup> will be our Annual Occupational Advisory Dinner with 200 people attending from business and industry
2. WCCC received \$10,000.00 from Warren Community Foundation as a grant to continue initiating our oil and gas program in the Power Equipment Program of Study.

---

---

**Building:** Learning Enrichment Center

**Principal:** Amy Stimmell

1. State Compliance Monitor Dr. Shirley Curl visited the Learning Enrichment Center to review more GIEP files toward completion of our Gifted Compliance Monitoring process. She continues to be impressed with the programming at the LEC. More commendations will be received from her soon.
2. A PTO Group was established at the Learning Enrichment Center at our monthly Gifted Advisory Meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2011.

---

---

**Building:** Allegheny Valley Elementary School/Sheffield Elementary School

**Principal:** Steve Parinella

1. The AVES and SES PTO's have combined to form one group to support both schools. The new group is S.A.V.E.S-TPG (Sheffield Allegheny Valley Elementary Schools Teacher Parent Group).

---

---

**Building:** Russell Elementary

**Principal:** Deborah Doyle

1. RES has been notified of its achievement of AYP. (An added highlight was our school's achievement score in writing.) We have worked closer to our school improvement team

goal with a 93% proficient and advanced score. Kudos to all grade level teachers and students for this fine, grade 5 accomplishment.

2. Vocal music teacher Diane Reese has organized a grades 4 & 5 chorus for all students interested in participating. We look forward to following the group's achievements and progress through future performances. Grade 5 students have used MicroSoft Word and the computer lab Smartboard to self-edit and peer-edit 5-paragraph essays. All grades have begun their inquiry-based exploration of the first science units of study. Grade 2 students have continued their annual, pen-pal writing project with the EMHS football players and look forward to meeting each other this month at a RES, lunchtime, tailgate party. Our school and family community shared an evening of books and learning at our September 27<sup>th</sup> open house and book fair.

---

---

**Building:** South Street Early Learning Center

**Principal:** Ann M. Buerkle

1. It was a successful start to the school year, with routines and procedures established with many new staff members and nearly 300 five and six year olds. New kindergarten students, with the help of parent volunteers, painted their thumbprints on a wall as the incoming class for this year.
2. Bus evacuations, fire drills and a school bus safety assembly were completed.

---

---

**Building:** Sugar Grove Elementary School

**Principal:** Marcia Madigan

1. We had a wonderful Open House on September 20, 2011.
2. Teachers have formed a Professional Learning Committee – focusing on Child Study.

---

---

**Building:** Warren Area Elementary Center

**Principal:** Ruth Nelson, Ann Ryan

1. Mrs. Nelson and Miss Ryan greeted the children on the opening day of school with blue and green hair respectively in celebration of making AYP for 2011. Students had voted last spring on the hair color during the PSSA pep assembly.

2. Students at WAEC who have perfect attendance each month are being recognized with a photo posted in the school lobby and a random drawing to have lunch with a principal at WCCC. Students this month who were selected for lunch with Miss Ryan: Rashad Fofana, grade 2; Skyla Urig, grade 3; Damien Giambrone, grade 4; and Erika Levai, grade 5. Student comments about the experience at WCCC were “This is a 5 star restaurant” and “I’d lick my plate (dessert) but that wouldn’t be polite!” The goal is to improve student attendance, foster a desire to always be in school, and develop a respect and rapport with the Career Center.
- 

**Building:** Youngsville Elementary/Middle School

**Principal:** Eric E. Mineweaser

1. Sixth grade students had an environmental specialist come in, and they practiced their longitude and latitude skills by geo caching. This made the front page of the Warren Times Observer. The students really enjoyed this authentic assessment.
2. YEMS held their first retired educator luncheon. Fourteen retired teachers, staff, and administrators showed up at YEMS on 9/23/2011. It was an exciting time for all.